Such was the End of this Rebellion; which, in all Probability, will not only tend to the Safety of our Conſtitution, but the Preſervation of the Game.

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Ne ſe mulier extra virtutum cogitationes, extraque bellorum caſus putet, ipſis incipientis matrimonii auſpiciis admonetur, venire ſe laborum periculorumque ſociam, idem in pace, idem in prælio paſſuram auſuramque. Sic vivendum, ſic pereundum. Tacit.

IT is with great Satisfaction I obſerve, that the Women of our Iſland, who are the moſt eminent for Virtue and good Senſe, are in the Intereſt of the preſent Government. As the fair Sex very much recommend the Cauſe they are engaged in, it would be no ſmall Misfortune to a Soveraign, tho' he had all the Male Part of the Nation on his Side, if he did not find himſelf King of the moſt beautiful Half of his Subjects. Ladies are always of great uſe to the Party they eſpouſe, and never fail to win over Numbers to it. Lovers, according to Sir *William Petty*'s Computation, make at leaſt the Third Part of the fencible Men of the Britiſh Nation; and it has been an uncontroverted Maxim in all Ages, that, though a Husband is ſometimes a ſtubborn Sort of a Creature, a Lover is always at the Devotion of his Miſtreſs. By this means it lies in the Power of every fine Woman, to ſecure at leaſt half a Dozen able-bodied Men to His Majeſty's Service. The Female

Female World are likewiſe indiſpenſably neceſſary in the beſt Cauſes to manage the Controverſial Part of them, in which no Man of tolerable Breeding is ever able to refute them. Arguments out of a pretty Mouth are unanſwerable.

It is indeed remarkable that the Inferiour Tribe of common Women, who are a Diſhonour to their Sex, have, in moſt Reigns, been the profeſs'd Sticklers for ſuch as have acted in Oppoſition to the true Intereſt of the Nation. The moſt numerous Converts in King *James*'s Reign, were particularly noted to be of this kind. I can give no other Reaſon for ſuch a Behaviour, unleſs it be, that it is not for the Advantage of theſe Female Adventurers the Laws of the Land ſhould take Place, and that they know *Bridewell* is a Part of our Conſtitution.

There are many Reaſons why the Women of *Great Britain* ſhou'd be on the Side of the Free-holder, and Enemies to the Perſon who would bring in Arbitrary Government and Popery. As there are ſeveral of our Ladies who amuſe themſelves in the reading of Travels, they cannot but take Notice what uncomfortable Lives thoſe of their own Sex lead, where Paſſive-Obedience is profeſſed and practis'd in its utmoſt Perfection. In thoſe Countries the Men have no Property but in their Wives, who are the Slaves to Slaves: every married Woman being ſubject to a domeſtick Tyrant, that requires from her the ſame Vaſſalage which he pays to his Sultan. If the Ladies would ſeriouſly conſider the evil Conſequences of arbitrary Power, they would find, that it ſpoils the Shape of the Foot in *China*, where the barbarous

barous Politicks of the Men ſo diminiſh the Baſis of the Female Figure, as to unqualify a Woman for an Evening Walk or Countrey Dance. In the *Eaſt Indies* a Widow, who has any Regard to her Character, throws her ſelf into the Flames of her Husband's Funeral Pile, to ſhew, forſooth, that ſhe is faithful and loyal to the Memory of her deceaſed Lord. In *Perſia* the Daughters of *Eve*, as they call them, are reckoned in the Inventory of their Goods and Chattels: and it is a uſual Thing when a Man ſells a Bale of Silk, or a Drove of Camels, to toſs half a dozen Women into the Bargain. Thro' all the Dominions of the Great *Turk*, a Woman thinks her ſelf happy if ſhe can get but the twelfth Share of a Husband, and is thought of no manner of uſe in the Creation, but to keep up a proper Number of Slaves for the Commander of the Faithful. I need not ſet forth the ill Uſage, which the fair Ones meet with in thoſe deſpotick Governments that lie nearer us. Every one hath heard of the ſeveral Ways of locking up Women in *Spain* and *Italy*; where, if there is any Power lodged in any of the Sex, it is not among the young and the beautiful, whom Nature ſeems to have formed for it, but among the old and wither'd Matrons, known by the frightful Name of *Gouvernantes* and *Duegna's*. If any ſhould alledge the Freedoms indulged to the French Ladies, he muſt own that theſe are owing to the natural Gallantry of the People, not to their Form of Government, which excludes by its very Conſtitution every Female from Power, as naturally unfit to hold the Sceptre of that Kingdom.

Women ought in reaſon to be no leſs averſe to Popery than to arbitrary Power. Some merry

merry Authors have pretended to demonſtrate, that the *Roman Catholick* Religion could never ſpread in a Nation, where Women would have more Modeſty than to expoſe their innocent Liberties to a Confeſſor. Others of the ſame Turn, have aſſured us, that the fine *Britiſh* Complection, which is ſo peculiar to our Ladies, would ſuffer very much from a Fiſh-Diet: And that a whole *Lent* would give ſuch a Sallowneſs to the celebrated Beauties of this Iſland, as would ſcarce make them diſtinguiſhable from thoſe of *France*. I ſhall only leave to the ſerious Conſideration of my Countrey-Women the Danger any of them might have been in, (had Popery been our National Religion) of being forced by their Relations to a State of perpetual Virginity. The moſt blooming Toaſt in the Iſland might have been a Nun; and many a Lady, who is now a Mother of fine Children, condemned to a Condition of Life, diſagreeable to herſelf, and unprofitable to the World. To this I might add the melancholy Objects, they would be daily entertained with, of ſeveral ſightly Men delivered over to an inviolable Celibacy. Let a young Lady imagine to herſelf the brisk embroidered Officer, who now makes Love to her with ſo agreeable an Air, converted into a Monk; or the Beau, who now addreſſes himſelf to her in a full bottom'd Wig, diſtinguiſhed by a little bald Pate covered with a black Leather Skull-Cap. I forbear to mention many other Objections, which the Ladies, who are no Strangers to the Doctrines of Popery, will eaſily recollect: Tho' I do not in the leaſt doubt, but thoſe I have already ſuggeſted, will be ſufficient to perſuade my

my fair Readers to be zealous in the Proteſtant Cauſe.

The Freedom and Happineſs of our *Britiſh* Ladies is ſo ſingular, that it is a common Saying in foreign Countries, *If a Bridge were built croſs the Seas, all the Women in* Europe *would flock into* England. It has been obſerved, that the Laws relating to them are ſo favourable, that one would think they themſelves had given Votes in enacting them. All the Honours and Indulgences of Society are due to them by our Cuſtoms; and, by our Conſtitution, they have all the Privileges of *Engliſh*-born Subjects, without the Burdens. I need not acquaint my fair Fellow-Freeholders, that every Man, who is anxious for our ſacred and civil Rights, is a Champion in their Cauſe; ſince we enjoy in common a Religion agreeable to that reaſonable Nature, of which we equally partake; and ſince, in Point of Property, our Law makes no Diſtinction of Sexes.

We may therefore juſtly expect from them, that they will act in concert with us for the Preſervation of our Laws and Religion, which cannot ſubſiſt, but under the Government of His preſent Majeſty; and would neceſſarily be ſubverted, under that of a Perſon bred up in the moſt violent Principles of Popery and arbitrary Power. Thus may the fair Sex contribute to fix the Peace of a brave and generous People, who for many Ages, have diſdained to bear any Tyranny but theirs; and be as famous in Hiſtory, as thoſe illuſtrious Matrons, who, in the Infancy of *Rome*, reconciled the *Romans* and the *Sabines*, and united the two contendng Parties under their new King.